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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your memorandum relating to Communist principles and organization. This will be of considerable help to us in its condensed form as it does save going through many, many volumes.

Again with sincere thanks and with kindest regards, believe me,

Most cordially,

Signed & handed to Mr. DeLoach  
4/22/49

R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: FBI Interest in Espionage Data

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 28 February 1949, on the above subject, pointing out your interest in receiving complete, factual data on the activities of espionage agents in any part of the world. I note also that you have a particular interest in all available data involving the types of information concerning foreign espionage agents and agencies, listed as follows:

- a. Identities of the individuals involved.
- b. Methods of recruitment.
- c. Methods of training.
- d. Methods of communication.
- e. Information sought.
- f. Methods of gathering information.
- g. Chain of command or direction.
- h. Methods of payment and transfer of funds.

2. In answer to your expression of interest in this type of information, I can assure you that this Agency is making every effort to insure that all pertinent counterespionage data of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation is made available to you as completely and as expeditiously as possible.

3. Regarding the general problem raised by your memorandum, I desire to assure you that we are fully aware of the necessity for procurement, analysis, correlation, and utilization of all possible accurate data on the operations, techniques, targets, and personnel of foreign intelligence services. As a corollary matter, in order for this Agency, and particularly the Office of Special Operations, to fulfill its counterespionage responsibility abroad, we must receive and have available all possible information concerning the operations and personnel of foreign intelligence services wherever they may occur. Since our interest, responsibility, and jurisdiction in the counterespionage field outside the United States closely parallels your own within the United States, it will be greatly appreciated if the Bureau will make available to CIA all pertinent available information concerning the organization, operations, techniques, and personnel of all foreign intelligence services within the United States or in any other area about which you may secure information.

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1. In conclusion I wish to reiterate my previous assurances to you that I am extremely desirous of cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the greatest possible extent in order to facilitate the effectuation of our respective intelligence responsibilities.

*Signed - despatch 4/15/49*  
A. H. ELLERRETT  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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